Export of Woolen Items

1943. SHRI MAHESH KUMAR M. KANODIA : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has been substantial increase in the export of woollen items from the country; and

(b) if so, the value of the woollen items exported and the additional amount of foreign exchange earned during the 1995-96 as compared to 1994-95?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA) :(a) and (b). The exports of woollen items from the country have increased from US $ 341.50 million in 1994-95 to US $ 370.03 million in 1995-96, showing an increase of US $ 28.53 million.

[English]

Price of Coal

1944. PROF. AJIT KUMAR MEHTA : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have recently raised the prices of coking and non-coking coal;

(b) if so, the percentage of hike in the prices of coal alongwith the reasons therefor; and

(c) its likely impact on the industrial production and the market prices of finished goods besides on the power sector in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH) : (a) The Government deregulated prices of coking coal and A, B and C grade of non-coking coal vide notification dated 22.3.1996. Coal Companies are now competent to fix the prices of these varieties. Further in accordance with the recommendation of the Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices (BICP) a notification was issued increasing the price of regulated grades of coal produced in Western Coalfields Limited (WCL) to the level notified for Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) this was issued on 22.3.1996. Separate prices have also been notified for the Ramagundam OC-II mine of SCCL on 9.1.1996 and the Rajmahal OC project of Eastern Coalfields Limited (ECL) on 22.4.1996.

(b) Percentage of increase in prices of coal produced from the mines of WCL and from the Ramagundam OC-II mine and Rajmahal OC Project are given in the attached statement.

Higher prices for coal produced from the mines of SCCL have always been fixed taking into account the geomining conditions in which it operates. Since WCL also operates in the same geomining conditions BICP have recommended prices for coal produced from the mines of WCL to be fixed at the level of prices charged for coal produced from the mines of SCCL.

The likely impact of price increase of coal on different sectors is as follows :-

Steel	:	Rs. 293 per tonne
Power	:	2 Paise per KWH
Cement	:	Rs. 14.16 per tonne

STATEMENT

Percentage of increase in prices of WCL coal and the coal produced from the Ramagundam OC-II mine and the Rajmahal OC Projects over the prices as fixed on 16.6.1994

Western Coalfields Limited

Grades of Coal	Percentage of increase w.e.f. 22.3.1996 per tonne
Non-Coking	
Grade - D	43.84%
Grade - E	50.93%
Grade - F	57.58%

Ramagundam OC-II Mine

	Percentage of increase w.e.f. 9.1.1996 per tonne
Coal produced from Ramagundam OC-II Mines	43.18%

Rajmahal OC Projects

	Percentage of increase w.e.f. 22.4.1996 per tonne
Coal produced from Rajmahal OC Projects	57.20%

Marketing Complex and Dye Making Centre

1945. SHRI K.D. SULTANPURI : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) wheather there is marketing complex and dye making centre of the National Handloom Development Corporation in each State;

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal under consideration to open such marketing complex and dye making centre in Delhi State also;

(c) if so, the details thereof including the time frame for it; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?